



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. inspired millions of Americans to participate in non-violent protests to support the ideals of equality for all and was a motivating force behind a civil rights movement that had as its goal the creation of a society tolerant of all races, cultures and nationalities; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Dr. King's birthday is intended as a time for all Americans to reaffirm their commitment to the basic principles that underlie our Constitution – equality and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, Idaho enjoys a richness of diversity in its population, embracing many ethnic and racial groups as a part of both the state's history and its future; and

WHEREAS, both state and national observances of this day will focus on the importance of individual volunteerism and a commitment to community service as a way to break down social and economic barriers and to bring people together to focus on their common concerns and interests; and

WHEREAS, the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and of Idaho's commitment to human rights are worthy of reflection and serve as a reminder that improving the quality of life for all members of society is a responsibility of every member of our society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 17, 2005, to be

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in Idaho, and I encourage Idahoans to rededicate themselves to the principles of respect for human rights and freedom, of belief in non-violence, and of commitment to improving the state and nation through community service and volunteerism.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this seventeenth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Ysursa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE